

Summary of Public Resources Code 5024

PRC 5024 requires that all state agencies preserve and maintain all state-owned historical resources. Section 5024.5 outlines the process of meeting this mandate. The process gives the state Office of Historic Preservation the authority to review the efforts made by state agencies toward compliance with this law. State agencies must work with OHP to show they are protecting and maintaining their historic resources (the term includes both prehistoric, historic, ethnographic, and traditional cultural resources), and that no development or maintenance projects will adversely impact those resources.

If the San Diego River Conservancy holds title to land, or provides funding for acquisition, restoration, or development, PRC 5024 applies. Compliance with PRC 5024 should be included in the land acquisition, granting, and project development processes that we use. For example, if the Conservancy acquires or provides acquisition funding for land, any historic buildings, features, or structures should be evaluated through at PRC 5024 review prior to demolition or alteration. Another example: before any habitat restoration project funded by the Conservancy is undertaken, cultural resource studies need to be completed to evaluate the potential for adverse impacts to these resources.